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Mississippi College Says Applications Are Rising

When you have been swinging open your doors to incoming students every year for the past 154 years you might expect things to get rather routine.

Not so at Mississippi College, however.

Mississippi College, Mississippi Baptists' oldest and largest educational institution, has been in operation since 1826 and through the years has faced the opening of a new school year with the enthusiasm and optimism that had to be present when the college first opened.

As the college approaches its 155th academic session, the 130th as an agency of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, there is probably as much excitement and preparation going on among faculty, staff and student leaders as has ever been evidenced in the past.

There is a reason, too. Mississippi College continues to grow and officials are optimistic this upcoming session will be another banner one.

Dean of Admissions Rory Lee reports that new applications for admission are up over the previous year, providing a foundation for the optimism that prevails.

"Last year we had one of our best recruiting years ever," reports Lee, "but this year, if things continue true to form, we will have more new and transfer students than during first semester of 1979-80."

An active recruiting program in the high schools and junior colleges, plus the assistance of alumni and

friends, can be counted as the major reasons for the rise in applications," says Lee.

"We try to be persistent once we get the name of a prospective student," he continues, "and through newsletters, special mailings, phone calls, and other means, we try to maintain a monthly communication with the prospect."

Applications Up

Figures released by Lee's admissions office through August 1 disclose that his office has received applications from 398 freshmen students. This number compares with 380 applications at the same time last year.

Combining freshmen and transfer applications, a total of 672 applications had been received as of August 1. Last year 630 applications were received by the same time period.

Not only could the 1980-81 freshman class be one of the largest, it might also be one of the smartest. Lee estimates the average American College Test (ACT) score for entering freshmen is 22, well above the national average and considerably above the Mississippi ACT average.

"We are excited about the quality of student we are receiving," expressed Lee, "and our goal will be to meet every educational and spiritual need of that student. This attitude of concern has long been a trademark of Mississippi College and is probably one of the prime reasons we have con-

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Suellen McPhail (left), a 1979 graduate of Mississippi College, instructed a large class of adults recently in microwave cooking during one of the courses sponsored through Programs for Adult Community Enrichment (PACE). The PACE program is offered during each semester and provides a variety of instructional and informational short courses in a variety of subject areas. Among those enrolled for the microwave course was Mrs. Lewis Nobles, first lady of the College.

Carey Observing 75th

William Carey College, begun as South Mississippi College back in 1906, will be observing its 75th anniversary during the coming year.

To celebrate, the college is tentatively planning several special events, including a Festival of Arts during the week preceding Homecoming next spring and a special anniversary dinner in Hattiesburg. Paul McMullan and Wiley Fairchild of Hattiesburg are co-chairing the anniversary planning committee.

Among the recent developments the college will be celebrating are a new home for the Carey School of Nursing, a master's program in counseling psychology, and a bachelor's degree in medical technology.

On August 23, students of the Carey School of Nursing at Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, will move into their new quarters at the hospital's multi-million-dollar education complex.

The new building is seven stories high and includes 84,000 square feet.

The School of Nursing will share the fifth floor with Southern Baptist Hospital's Personnel Planning and Career Development Office. Much of that floor will be devoted to demonstration labs for nursing school instruction and hospital personnel in-service education. The sixth and seventh floors will provide dormitory facilities, primarily for School of Nursing students.

The ground floor of the new building features an auditorium which can seat 340 people, and on the second floor is a series of meeting rooms which can accommodate a group of 250. There is also a kitchen and conference/banquet room for 30-40 people.

Occupying the third floor is the Learning Resources Center. This includes an audio-visual access system, general reference materials, the Mather Library and Archives Room, the School of Nursing Library, and a doctor's reading area.

Formal opening ceremonies for the building are scheduled for November 16.

Carey is also proud of the growth of the graduate division. The most recent addition is the master of arts degree in

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Quality Education Offered

By Billy Thames, Chairman
Mississippi Baptist Christian
Education Commission

Getting an education beyond the high school level should be a top priority for all high school graduates today.



This is particularly true for Mississippi high school Baptist graduates. Mississippi Baptists are fortunate to have four fine institutions of higher learning to choose from today. Mississippi College at Clinton, William Carey College at Hattiesburg, in Blue Mountain College at Blue Mountain, and Clarke College in Newton, all offer quality educational programs in a Christian environment with a good academic background.

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MBMC Enrolls 100+ In Health Programs

While Mississippi Baptist Medical Center's School of Respiratory Therapy prepares for graduation ceremonies this month, students in MBMC's other health-related schools have been orienting newcomers to the year-round clinical/classroom programs which began during the summer.

More than 100 students from Mississippi and surrounding states are enrolled in the Medical Technology, Radiologic Technology, Respiratory Therapy and Licensed Practical Nursing programs which are affiliated with Hinds Junior College, Mississippi College and University Medical Center. Through these affiliations students receive one to two years of clinical and classroom training for their respective health-related occupations.

"The allied health professions are being recognized more and more by young people as offering excellent career opportunities," said Paul J. Pryor, MBMC's executive director. "Not only is there an intellectual challenge and daily opportunity to serve others, but there are also excellent salaries and benefits. As the population has expanded and technology has developed, the job opportunities in the health field have become endless."

New students to the MBMC programs have been welcomed to the hospital since June with special luncheons and cookouts at the Ross Barnett Reservoir. Last month Chester Swor, a favorite speaker of students and faculty, was the first noonday service speaker for the 1980-81 school year.

The Baptist Student Union executive council was elected last month and met for its first session on July 29 to begin planning student activities for the year. Heading the executive council this year is Jane Worthy, a senior radiologic technology student. Baptist Medical Center's BSU Director Kathy Bearden also has been busy scheduling speakers, programs and special activities for the students.

"As a Baptist institution, the medical center offers a unique setting for the student," Pryor said. "Not only is the academic work interesting and challenging but there is opportunity for 'hands on' experience. And there are opportunities for Bible study, prayer groups, speakers, recreation, picnics and other activities throughout the year."

One of the biggest student projects in past years has been fundraising for student summer missions. This year the MBMC students have set their largest summer missions monetary goal ever — \$1,000. The first effort to raise this money will begin Sept. 5 at a student bake sale at the hospital.

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Chester Swor, a frequent speaker at MBMC, talked with faculty and students at the first 1980-81 school term Noonday Service.

Clarke Adds Two Faculty Members

As fall, 1980, rolls into view Clarke College prepares for its 72nd year of operation in Newton. The Mississippi Baptist junior college will begin its latest session with continued emphasis on academic, spiritual, and social development for qualified students.

New faculty members for 1980 include James Read and James W. Snyder. Read completed his Ph.D. in history at Ole Miss in 1973. He now makes his home in Louisa. Snyder completed his doctorate in piano from Ole Miss in 1977 and will be residing on the college campus. The addition of

Read and Snyder now brings the total of Ph.D.'s to above 50% of the full time faculty.

Additional continuing education classes have also been added to the 1980 curriculum and for the first time in several years at Clarke all married student housing on the campus has been filled. Several more apartments are needed for student families who have applied for the fall semester.

Joe Gibbon, baseball coach at Clarke, has spent the summer building a baseball program that promises to be one of the best in 1981. There will be several sophomores returning from the 1980 team, and of the eight freshmen baseball players, three were members of the state high school All Star team.

The college has experienced a "cleanup" campaign that has involved students, faculty, staff and administration. Men from several local churches and churches from Lauderdale County have "chipped in" to do painting, cleaning, and repair on campus.

In addition to the work being done to the facilities on the campus, students have worked with administration to plan one of the best years ever for incoming and returning students. Troy Hobson, SBA president from Laurel, spent several weeks this summer working with staff and administration in planning an activity-filled year. Dorms open at 2:00 p.m. on Aug. 24. Orientation begins at 8:00 on Monday morning, Aug. 25.

Blue Mountain Reverses Trend

The 108th annual session at Blue Mountain College begins August 24, 1980, when the dorms officially open for new students.

Orientation is set for the next day, with class registration to be held on Tuesday, August 26th. Classes begin on Wednesday.

During the orientation on Monday new students will meet Blue Mountain's administrative officers, the Student Government Council and the Baptist Student Union Council. The students will get a brief history of the school and be introduced to many of the school's leaders. President E. Harold Fisher will handle the introduction.

The academic orientation schedule will be supplemented by the student activities including a full schedule of Baptist Student Activities. The week will culminate with the president's reception Saturday afternoon.

President Fisher said, "We approach the start of this new session with a great deal of anticipation and with the prospect of yet another enrollment increase for the fall term."

According to Fisher the enrollment at Blue Mountain has shown a steadily

increasing pattern which is viewed as "remarkable" since many small colleges have shown a decline.

"We have reversed the trend," he states, "This is despite the fact that the number of available college-age people is declining and that the cost of a college education is increasing."

The stepped-up admissions and recruiting program began in the fall of 1977 and has seen enrollment increases during each of the past three years.

"We're projecting another increase this year based on the applications we have received so far," said Fisher.

As enrollment increases at Blue Mountain, so does the demand for additional academic programs and the improvement of existing ones.

Meeting this challenge, the college has expanded its interdisciplinary program in church related fields and is currently offering an improved program in the church-related vocation major.

A "Week-end College" was initiated last year to meet the needs of those interested in science, pre-nursing and those who have full time employment.

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Accreditation News Reaches MC Law School

The Mississippi College School of Law took a major step toward full accreditation Aug. 6 when the American Bar Association's House of Delegates, meeting in annual assembly in Honolulu, Hawaii, granted the school provisional accreditation.

According to Dean E. A. (Beby) Turnage, the provisional accreditation was approved unanimously by the ABA House of Delegates. Their action followed unanimous recommendation of the Accreditation Committee and the Council of the Section of Legal Education and Administration to the Bar of the ABA in earlier meetings. The dean was in attendance at the Honolulu session.

Turnage said that under the provisional accreditation, Mississippi College School of Law will be inspected

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Help Wanted (Quickly)

Mississippi Baptist Men have been asked by the Foreign Mission Board to assist immediately in repairs to the Baptist Theological College in Barbados.

The roofs of the chapel and men's dormitory were blown off by Hurricane Allen. School is to begin in September so timing is crucial. The proposed dates for assistance are Aug. 23-29.

The need is for 14 carpenters and two cabinet builders. Air fare will cost about \$570 round trip from Jackson. Birth certificates are needed for the trip.

Volunteers can stay at the school while the college providing the meals.

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Clarke students prepare for field trip.



Christian teachers in the classroom make a difference in the lives of the students. Pictured are a group of teachers in a seminar session preparing to work with the gifted students this Fall at Blue Mountain.

Blue Mountain Reverses Trend

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The classes are scheduled Friday night and all day Saturday. Students may register for one or for all three classes depending upon their specific needs, interests, and their available time for academic pursuits. Last year 59 students were enrolled in the classes. The program was such a success that it is being rescheduled for the 1980 fall semester. If the interest continues, the program will be expanded to include other academic areas and to meet additional specific needs identified and expressed by the students in the area.

Another area that saw expansion this year was the addition of a program to prepare teachers to work with gifted students. Blue Mountain has long been a leader in providing instructional programs to prepare teachers for working with the educable mentally retarded but this year was the first to offer a program to prepare teachers for certification to work with the gifted student.

National and state requirement changes have prompted the school to expand offerings in many areas of specialization for exceptional children. The gifted student program offered short courses in the psychology of the gifted and methods and materials for the gifted in which 45 students were enrolled. The courses attracted teachers from throughout the northeast Mississippi area and the demand to increase offerings even further has been pressed on the school.

In addition to regular classroom work, Blue Mountain hosted a number of workshops, seminars, enrichment programs and special interest activities last year. One of the most successful was the church secretary's seminar the week of May 5-9. Mrs. Lucy R. Hoskins, consultant from the church administration department of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, directed the exciting week. The seminar was geared to the needs of church secretaries and upon satisfactorily completing the requirements, each participant was awarded a certificate. Carey Hearn, chairman of the division of social science directed an interesting inter-term course related to women in history.

In addition to academic programs, the college again opened its campus to sports camps. There were two girls camps and in addition, the college offered two basketball camps for boys. Ole Miss basketball All-American John Stroud held the camps on the campus. Young basketball players from throughout the Mid-South came to the campus to receive instruction from Stroud, Kentucky All-American Kyle Macy and a number of area high school and college basketball coaches.

Two of the key things in sports are "motivation and momentum" Fisher said, "and at Blue Mountain College we seem to have both going for us right now!"

The Blue Mountain College students are excited and committed. The students are excited about their part in the Bold Mission Thrust and committed to doing their share. Although Blue Mountain is one of the smallest colleges in size in the state, it is the largest in many ways. Blue Mountain students raised \$5,001.28 for the summer student missions program sponsored by the state BSU. This was the second largest in the state, exceeded only by Mississippi State University which contributed \$5,500.

Eight students from Blue Mountain were appointed to serve as summer student missionaries for 1980, five by the Home Mission Board and three by the Mississippi Baptist Student Union.

A large number of other students are working in our Baptist camps and conference centers. Randy Leslie, a 1980 graduate of Blue Mountain College has been appointed by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention to serve two years in Uruguay.

The percent of Blue Mountain's students involved in missions is one of the largest in the Southern Baptist Convention. They are going, doing and giving in order to do their part to proclaim the gospel to all. Mississippi Baptists have helped to make this possible through their generous support through the Cooperative Program. Blue Mountain and its students are good stewards of the confidence and financial investment of fellow Christians in the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

The college seeks ways to assist those in our convention as a means of cooperation and service. Two significant programs were held on the campus during the year. The Sunday School department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board held the January Bible Study preview on the campus in November. More than 100 ministers from North Mississippi participated in this meaningful study.

And the Blue Mountain Baptist Student Union sponsored a "Jubilation" for junior high and high school young people in February. Several hundred young people from numerous churches in the northeast area participated in the activity. Many churches have requested the college to schedule a similar activity during the 1980-81 session.

As we enter the last fifth of the century, we are excited about the opportunities which will be available and the advancements which will take place at Blue Mountain College. The students who enroll at Blue Mountain College this year and during this decade will be the leaders in the twenty-first century. It is exciting that our students will be preparing to make a positive contribution to the Christian world as it embarks on another century.

Blue Mountain College is a distinctive Christian institution and we point with pride to the fact that it has a two-fold mission—the education of women and the education of men in full time church related vocations. While we do not encompass the contributions of a comprehensive graduate or research university, the world cannot exist without the quality of the products we are committed to producing. The Eighties hold many opportunities for educational institutions, and Christian institutions have a special responsibility in shaping the world in which we live.

The Eighties can be exciting if you know who you are and what you are, and that is Blue Mountain's position. It is exciting to be in an institution committed to responding to the needs of its students, to the needs of society, and to the needs of its sponsoring denomination. Blue Mountain College has an illustrious past, but we surely are not resting upon past achievements. We are meeting the challenges of today, and God is providing for us in a marvelous way.

We, at Blue Mountain College, thank all Mississippi Baptists for the support received and ask that you join us in prayer for the vision to see the unlimited opportunities and the wisdom to translate the vision into a reality this year and throughout the decade of the 80's!



President and Mrs. Johnson

Gale Gardner — 1980 Homecoming Queen
Clarke College

Blue Mountain's ministerial program continues to expand and to meet the needs of the students and the churches in Northeast Mississippi. Shown are a group of ministerial students registering for one of the Bible courses on campus.



Miss Marcia Woodward, Admissions Counselor, shows President E. Harold Fisher some of the new dorm students expected in August, 1980.



BMC's Coach Dixie Everett and the All Americans — John Stroud of Mississippi and Kyle Macy, right, of Kentucky directed the Summer Sports Camps on Blue Mountain Campus.



The 1980 freshman class helped to recruit the large number of new students this fall. Coordinating the activities were (from left) Anne Harrington of Houston, Allison Tanner of Germantown, Tenn.; Mrs. Lucille Travis, advisor; Judy Hamblin of Memphis and Lisa Tyler of Horn Lake. The new students will have a similar responsibility to seek out others for our Christian environment, and will organize for the activity soon after arriving on campus.

Would-Be Immigration Law Limits Missionaries

By Mike Livingston
BRASILIA, Brazil (BP) — A new Brazilian immigration law — passed by congress but not yet signed by President Joao Baptista Figueiredo — may affect the ways missionaries will be able to enter the country.

If the new legislation becomes law all future immigrants would be issued temporary visas which would have to be renewed every two to five years. In the past, under Brazil's liberal immigration laws, many immigrants, including several Southern Baptist missionaries, have been granted permanent visas. Southern Baptists have more than 300 missionaries in Brazil, a

larger number than in any other country.

The bill had a deadline date by which it had to be considered by congress or it would automatically become law. So a group — which was not a quorum — met at midnight Aug. 5, and voted to send the bill back to the president.

The president can now do two things: He can sign a decree by which the bill becomes law or he can return the measure to congress. Figueiredo has indicated that some modification will be made in the law.

Newspaper reports have stated that the bill was automatically enacted and went into effect Aug. 5, when a 40-day deadline passed for congress to act.

But an attorney for the Southern Baptist missionaries in Brazil was present when voting took place and has given different information.

According to Thurmon E. Bryant, area director for Southern Baptist missionaries in eastern South America, "Our lawyer said the president has not signed the measure and it will not become law until he does."

Diplomatic analysts have acknowledged that the bill, the so-called Foreigners Law, is a long-overdue measure signaling an end to the great wave of immigration that made the nation as culturally varied as the United States and more ethnically mixed.

Next year Southern Baptists will celebrate 100 years of ministry in Brazil, the first South American country entered by the denomination.

Clarke Excited About Future

By A. C. Johnson
President
Clarke College

The long awaited report on a study of Clarke College made by the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention was recently received and a summary of this report was carried in a recent issue of the Baptist Record.

We are excited about the possibilities of Clarke College in the future and have begun some serious study as a result of several suggestions contained in the report. More than ever our thoughts are turned to providing a program of Christian education which will insure academic excellence in a setting designed to encourage each student to work toward a goal of spiritual maturity.

It is our belief and firm conviction that academic preparation alone is inadequate to face the challenges of life and that along with such training each person must be spiritually prepared to live with his fellow man. We are dedicated to this philosophy in our program at this institution.

We are searching for unique and innovative programs and techniques which can be employed to help the student in his total life to become more useful to society in such areas as mental, physical, social and spiritual development.

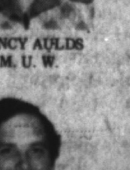
Man may alter the face of nature, but he cannot alter nature's laws. — S. G. Hermillion.

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Walker Sees Campaign Strategy

CLINTON — Another milestone in the history of Mississippi College unfolded here Saturday afternoon as 284 students, including 146 law students, received degrees in the annual summer commencement program which brought to a close the 154th session of the College.

It was the awarding of the doctor of jurisprudence degrees to the 146 Mississippi College School of Law students that made history as they were the first graduates to receive degrees since the school won provisional accreditation from the American Bar Association earlier this week.

In addition to the law students, there were 59 students who received the bachelor's degree, 69 who earned the master's degree, and 11 who were

awarded the education specialist degree. The summer graduating class swelled to over 18,500 the number of graduates who have received degrees from the College.

Arthur L. Walker, Jr., executive director of the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, was the commencement speaker. Giving the invocation was Robert Fortenberry, superintendent of the Jackson Public Schools, while Don McGregor of Jackson, editor of Baptist Record, gave the benediction.

"If Jimmy Carter is nominated next week as the Democratic candidate for the presidency, there will likely be included in the campaigning this fall the most obvious use of religious commitment or conviction in modern

times," said Walker.

Stating that both Carter and Republican nominee Ronald Reagan are being described in their campaigns as "born again Christians," Walker said that such an approach has brought a new kind of religion into the political arena.

"American society is learning that there are different brands of religion. This has come as a shock to some. It is shocking because most think they know about religion," said Walker.

"We thought we understood religion. We thought we even understood the religion of Iran," continued the speaker, "but the events on both the domestic and the foreign scene have proven that there is a new need for examining religious approaches."

William Carey College Observing 75th Year

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counseling psychology. Students enrolled in the program may choose from several concentrations: guidance and vocational counseling, psychometry, and pastoral counseling. Carey also offers the master of music degree, the master of education degree, and the specialist in education degree.

Another new program which will begin this fall is the baccalaureate degree program in medical technology. For several years, the Department of Biology at Carey has included pre-professional courses for the student preparing to enter the field of medical technology; however, students were unable to complete the clinical portion of their curriculum at Carey. Beginning this fall, through affiliation with Hattiesburg's new Methodist Hospital, medical technology students will be able to stay with the college to complete their degrees.

A vital part of the college program is the Continuing Education Division. This division serves the community by providing credit courses for adults who wish to earn college degrees, as well as non-credit courses for those who want to upgrade skills or are simply interested in learning about particular subjects.

One of the division's successful programs — degree completion for registered nurses — will begin its third cycle this fall. The program allows RNs who have a minimum of 60 semester hours of prescribed pre-nursing courses to complete their bachelor of science in nursing degree. The cycle is completed in two years, with nursing classes meeting one night a week in ten-week terms. The division also provides a large selection of pre-nursing courses throughout Mississippi for nurses who do not have the required 60 semester hours.

The newest of the division's projects are several "institutes" that are being developed to address the needs of specific interest groups. The Institute of Business and Management and the Carey Music Institute will be initiated this fall.

The first courses planned in business are seminars in legal and medical office procedures, both designed specifically for the working secretary to upgrade professional skills. The Music Institute will offer classes for all ages in piano, voice, strings, organ, movement and exercise, and perceptive music listening. Private music lessons will also be available.

Institutes for persons interested in health education, sports, and law enforcement are now in the preliminary planning stages.

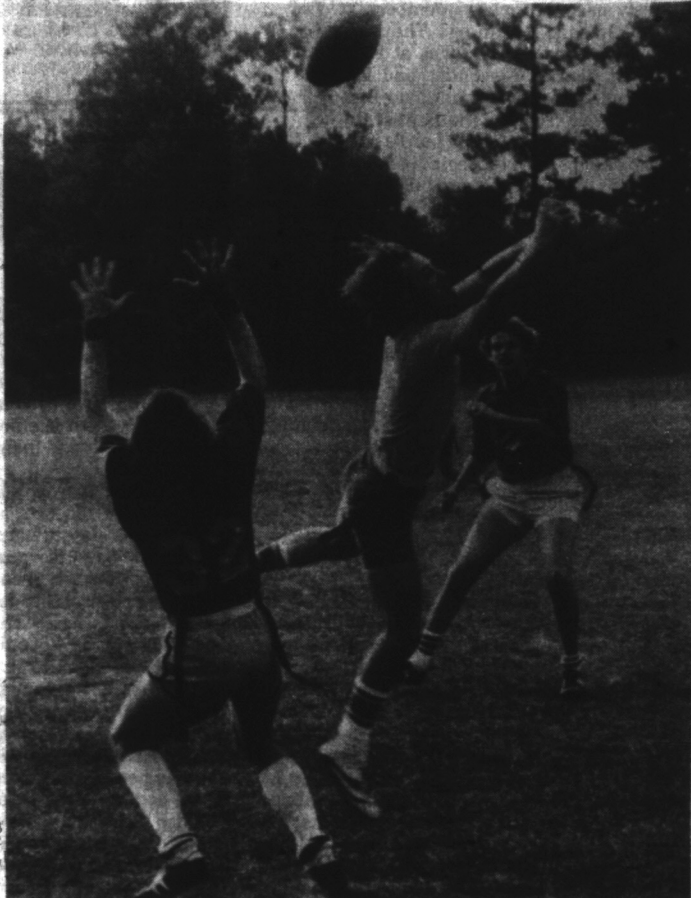
While Continuing Education plays an important role in the college program, the foundation of the college is still the "traditional" student — 18-22 years old — and important in the lives of these students are the extracurricular activities of the college, which range from concerts to athletics to parties.

Responsible for the planning and implementation of many of these activities is the Office of Student Affairs, in collaboration with the Student Government Association (S.G.A.). For the 1980-81 academic year, student activities are in the hands of two well-qualified women — Rebecca Thompson, beginning her third year as vice-president for student affairs, and Karla Hatchett, S.G.A. president.

Hatchett, the first woman to hold the office in some 15 years, is an experi-

enced student government officer, having served as commissioner of entertainment her sophomore year and S.G.A. secretary last year. An active church member, she belongs to Temple Baptist Church in Hattiesburg, where she works with the children's choir and teaches a first grade Sunday School class.

The 1980-81 year at Carey will begin on August 22, as faculty, staff, and trustees meet on the Hattiesburg campus for a conference emphasizing the college's next 25 years. Dormitories will open August 24, and the registration schedule will be: New Orleans campus, August 25; Hattiesburg campus, August 26; and Gulf Coast campus, August 28.



The new home for William Carey's School of Nursing will be the new multi-million-dollar education complex at Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans (artist's conception pictured above). Administrative offices, dormitory facilities, classrooms and learning resources center will all be housed in the seven-story building. The nursing school will be moving in August 23, and formal dedication is scheduled for November 16.

Intramural sports at William Carey College are an important part of the overall recreational program provided for Carey students. Funded through the Student Government Association, the college intramural program offers six sports, and this past year served some 250 students.



Karla Hatchett of Grand Bay, Ala., a senior elementary education major, is William Carey College's student government president for 1980-81. Her major goal for the year is to make student government more sensitive to the needs of the students.



Financing a college education is a major consideration in these days of increasing costs. The office of financial aid at William Carey College is specifically responsible for helping students find ways to fund their education. Paula Wenger, pictured above, took advantage of the college work-study program, working in the Carey Alumni Office to earn money.

Quality Education

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The Education Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention is made up of 12 members who are primarily responsible for handling the funds that are appropriated by the Mississippi Baptists to assist these institutions. During the year the Education Commission tries to visit all Baptist college campuses in Mississippi and we are proud to recommend these institutions to you as a prospective student or parent. The administration, faculty, and staff are chosen for their Christian background as well as their academic preparations and interest in young people.

A student at these institutions can choose from almost any curriculum today and enjoy the opportunities of growth and development in a good, wholesome Christian environment.

The Education Commission salutes our Baptist institutions and the fine individuals who provide such outstanding leadership and instructional opportunities for our young people today.

These institutions are interested not only in freshmen students but in transfer students as well. We suggest that you give our Baptist institutions a close look as you choose a college home this fall. The education you re-

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Billy Thames is president of Copiah-Lincoln Junior College with campuses at Wesson and Natchez.

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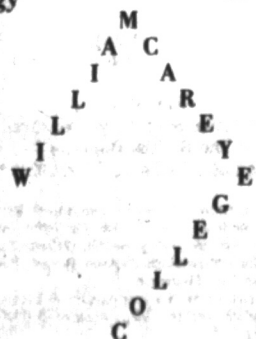
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Editorials

Christian education issue . . . Information that Baptists need

Christian education is a plus that is worthwhile for every Baptist young person who can determine that it represents a reasonable decision on his part. There will be many, of course, who feel that for one reason or another they should attend a state-sponsored college. Those who make their choice unquestionably will receive a top-quality education. The plus is there, however, for those who feel that within reason the Baptist-sponsored college is a workable option.

The plus is not in the quality of the instruction or the selection of books to be used as texts. Under many circumstances it may not be even the campus atmosphere. The fine professors and the excellent texts are available at tax-supported colleges, and in many instances the campus life at

those institutions is just as wholesome as can be found at Baptist colleges.

The plus is in the ability of the Baptist institution to give a Christian perspective to everything that is done on that campus. The Bible can be taught from a Baptist viewpoint. The professors can and do witness in the classroom of their faith in Christ. Being mostly a Baptist body, the students feel a closer sense of fellowship, almost a feeling of family ties, that goes with them through the remainder of their lives. The administration is conscious of the Baptist heritage of the school, and this consciousness pervades the atmosphere on the campus.

This is our Christian Education issue. Once each year the Baptist Record seeks to draw the attention of Mississippi Baptists to our institutions

of learning beyond the high school. We hope our readers will pay particular attention to information that is to be found here.

Material from all four Mississippi Baptist colleges and from the education arm of the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center is to be found. Surely this is information of which Mississippi Baptists need to be aware.

Mississippi Baptists invest a great deal of themselves and their resources in these educational institutions. Not the least of the investments is made by those Baptists who serve those institutions directly.

Baptists have long recognized the value of a Christian education. Some of our Baptists schools are among the oldest in the nation. Our schools are working hard to make our young

people worthwhile and dedicated citizens with Christian viewpoints. They deserve our wholehearted support.

And, incidentally, in the realm of Christian education the Baptist theological seminary just beyond our state boundaries in New Orleans is to be commended in making faculty selections. Two who have been among Mississippi's finest pastors have recently become faculty members at New Orleans Seminary. They are Macklyn Hubbell, who was at First Baptist Church, Cleveland, and Bob Hamblin, who was at Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo. The Baptist Record wishes for them the Lord's richest blessings as they begin their new careers, and we congratulate the seminary for making them additions to the faculty.



Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

Louise Hill Miller

"Thoughtfulness" and "Louise Hill Miller." In my mind the two are inseparable. Her thoughtful deeds have made life brighter for those about her. Few people I've known have lived so entirely for others. By mail she has extended her thoughtfulness to many who live far from her.

I first met Louise in 1953, when she was at mid-point in her 15 years as "field worker" for the state Church Training department. Over the next seven years our friendship grew. I had the pleasure of shopping with her for her wedding dress, shortly before she married Malcolm Foy Miller at Little Rock, Miss., Jan. 4, 1960.

Though I've seen her only five or six times in the past 20 years, she has kept our friendship alive through her long hand written letters. Every time I read one I feel she has been in the room talking with me, or that I've been at her house watching the events she vividly detailed. Not once has Louise forgotten my birthday. Every Christmas has brought a card and a gift from her. When I have tasted victory, she has sent congratulations. If sorrow or hard times came my way, she sent assurance of her prayers.

Her letter writing art was developed, I expect, through her long correspondence with Miller. They met in 1954, while students at Mississippi State College, where Louise was a member of the state Training Union department.

When Wilds retired she continued to work with Kermit King and his associates. I've heard her tell about some of the funny — and wonderful — events that occurred in her travels over the state. Her sense of humor must have been quite a help the day this took place: At the home where she was a guest, one morning the bucket fell in the well. Water was needed for cooking lunch. The hostess climbed into her car to go to a neighbor's for water, but the car wouldn't crank. When car repairs had been made, the woman and Louise went to a friend's house, intending to eat lunch there, but the friend had a gas stove, and the gas had gone off. They all went to town to buy groceries; the stores were closed. That night, during the church service, the lights went out!

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Following her marriage, she moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico, where Miller was an engineer with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. During the summer of 1960 W. D. and I stopped to see them at 802 Silver, S.E., as we were enroute to Glorieta. Louise had already begun serving as an approved worker with the New Mexico Church Training department. Later she taught at a school sponsored by the Parkview Baptist Church.

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State. The location of their jobs usually kept them far apart; thus, for 25 years their romance lived through letters. (During depression days she moved to the home of her uncle and aunt, Claude and Warren Ming, while studying at State. To help with the grocery bill, the Mings decided to sell meals to a couple of students. One fellow who came over to eat with them was Miller.)

Once she told me that she was converted at age 10, during a memorial service at a Methodist church in Winston County, where her mother's father is buried. However, she did not profess her faith publicly until she joined Murphy Creek Baptist Church at age 18. She was baptized in a creek the Sunday afternoon before she left to enter State.

During a youth revival in 1941 at Murphy Creek, Herbert Herrington preaching, she felt that the Lord wanted her in some type of Christian service. Later that year she met Nella Dean Mitchell (now Mrs. Charles Whitten, missionary to Spain) on a bus between Naxopater and Louisville. Nella Dean's account of her summer as volunteer worker with the Church Training department inspired Louise to become a Training Union summer worker in 1942 and 1943 (in Attala County). After another year of school teaching, she accepted in 1944 a full-time job with the state Training Union department.

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Who speaks for Southern Baptists?

The issue of prayer in public schools continues to spark debate among Baptists, and perhaps it would be well to try, again, to examine the record at a point or two.

In the first place, as has been noted, the Supreme Court has never sought to rule out voluntary prayer anywhere, including the public schools. The Supreme Court simply ruled that children could not be forced to pray against their wishes and that government, in whatever form it might take, could not tell them what to pray.

Any misinterpretation of this rule should not be charged to the Supreme Court.

In the second place, the real issue at stake is not prayer in the public school but rather whether or not the Congress will take over from the Supreme Court the jurisdiction in matters involving the Constitution. If Congress does try, and is able, to take over such jurisdiction, then we will have our Constitution being interpreted by elected representatives who are subject to pressures by special interest groups.

Now comes a statement that the

Baptist Joint Committee, which is testifying in House subcommittee hearings against an effort to change the status of Supreme Court interpretation, does not speak for Southern Baptists. This is true. Each Southern Baptist speaks for himself. James Robison, the Texas evangelist who made the statement before the same House subcommittee, also does not speak for Southern Baptists. He speaks only for himself.

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs is an agency supported by nine Baptist groups to study matters of church-state relations and make judgments based on its study and experience.

Several of the staff members who work for the Baptist Joint Committee are Southern Baptists, the interim director is a Southern Baptist, and the former director is a Southern Baptist. The director before him is not. These people are chosen for employment by a committee named by these nine Baptist groups.

Robison's statement before the subcommittee was also that the 13,000

messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention do not speak for Southern Baptists. Again, he is completely correct. The convention only voices the convictions of the messengers who are present.

Therefore the convention was not speaking for all Southern Baptists when it adopted in St. Louis a resolution in opposition to the efforts of North Carolina Senator Jesse Helms to have the school prayer issue stripped from the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court.

Neither was it speaking for all Southern Baptists when it adopted a resolution opposing abortion under any circumstances except for consideration of the health of the mother and when it refused to amend that resolution to take into consideration rape and incest. And it was not speaking for all Southern Baptists when it adopted a resolution urging seminary trustees to employ only faculty and staff members "who believe in the divine inspiration of the whole Bible, the infallibility of the original manuscripts, and that the Bible is truth without any error."

At the beginning of this period (100 A.D.) the church was a local body of saved people, democratic in government — independent of all other churches and without organized relations with the state. By the end of the period (325 A.D.) they had begun to erect buildings called churches with raised platforms at the rear with seats for the clergy who were already beginning to raise themselves above the people, and the local churches had been amalgamated into one great body spread over the empire and called this Catholic or Universal Church, outside of which there was "no salvation."

The laity gradually lost their significance and the whole management of the church's work and worship passed into the hands of the clergy who set themselves up as mediators between God and man, without whom there was no access to God and uncertainty of forgiveness of sin.

Between 325 and 600 A.D. a system of church law known as canon law and church courts grew up as a rival to the courts and law of the state. Ultimately these church courts obtained jurisdiction over most of the affairs of clergy and over laymen in domestic and inheritance matters. In 778, Charlemagne commanded that titles be collected in all the portions of the old Roman Empire over which he ruled — for support of the "Christian" Church, in return for Pope Adrian's support and recognition of his government.

During the seventh and eighth centuries collection of the tithes by the State spread throughout the Christian world — as the church became richer, it became more powerful. For centuries the State had controlled the church. The appointments of ecclesiastical officials was made by the prince (or King). Often the positions were sold. A struggle for domination commenced about the middle of the 11th Century and continued some 250 years. Popes would excommunicate the Kings, who in retaliation would cut off papal revenues. The papal theory was that the church, being the spiritual power, must rule over the State, which was the secular power.

As the church grew in power and riches it became (as do most organizations of society) more and more corrupt.

Various sects began appearing about the year 1000 and could never be stamped out despite the efforts of the church, which finally resorted to the establishment of an independent tribunal known as the Inquisition in the year 1232. This tribunal was directly subject only to the Pope. Upon conviction of heresy those who renounced their views were given life in prison; those who refused to recant were condemned to death and turned over to the civil authorities, who were required, under pain of excommunication, to execute the church's sentence. Rarely did anyone suspected of heresy escape.

Throughout the middle ages the church and the State completely dominated the individual, depriving him of his independence and significance. About the middle of the 15th century a new spirit of personal initiative began to manifest itself in Europe, and brought with it the great intellectual, social, and religious revolution known as the Renaissance and the Reformation. Much credit for this can be given to the translation of the Bible into English by John Wycliff (1384). Until this event the Bible was sealed to the uneducated, being in Latin; and rather than encourage its reading, the church opposed its use by laymen.

Both church and State worked to suppress this new spirit, and in 1429 Wycliff's bones were dug up and burned at the command of the Council of Constance.

In England, in 1527 through 1535, Henry VIII, for his own purposes, had laws drawn passing what had been papal authority to himself, and courts thus created granted the divorce he sought, and in 1534 he was declared head of the English Church.

After a reinstitution of Catholicism under "Bloody Mary," the daughter of Catherine, who had been divorced by Henry VIII, and the accompanying "purges" in which hundreds were burned as heretics. The English church was again restored to Protestantism by Elizabeth in 1562, and we see the advent of the Elizabethan era.

Here again the church was completely subject to the state and the two combined to suppress all forms of religion other than that authorized by law. Catholics, Puritans, Congregationalists, Baptists, and Quakers all suffered alike. Puritanism grew and the reforms it sought, including a Presbyterian form of church government, precipitated the civil war of 1647, in which Charles I was dethroned and beheaded.

From the Reformation to the present it is next to impossible to present any concise summary of the course of the church. The unity of Christianity is gone. In its place has arisen division and strife not only between church and state and between Catholics and Protestants but also among the various Protestant bodies themselves. Christianity has paid a high price for liberty and is still working to pay its mortgage.

This, then, is the background from which our forefathers fled, not only from England but the various other areas of Europe. What is so amazing is that upon reaching America and physical safety for themselves, they abandoned their "principles" of religious freedom and separation of church and state and in their turn persecuted those weaker groups — such as Baptists and Quakers, four of the Quakers being hanged on the Boston Common. "State" churches were established in most of the colonies.

R. O. Webber is a certified public accountant living in Jackson. He has been dealing with legal matters involving the government throughout his career. The second part of this two-part series will be published next week.

Book Reviews

POEMS OF INSPIRATION FROM THE MASTERS compiled by James R. Mills (Fleming H. Revell, 173 pp., \$3.95) These poems from the classical poets are poems of praise, of God and His creation. Over 100 poems are arranged according to subject. Their writers include some of the best creative writers in the history of the English language. Among them are Emily Bronte, William Blake, Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Emily Dickinson, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, William Shakespeare, Alfred, Lord Tennyson, Percy Bysshe Shelley, John Greenleaf Whittier, and William Wordsworth. The compiler is an English professor, historian, and journalist, and a member of the California Legislature.

SIMPLE TALKS FOR SPECIAL DAYS by Marion Frather Hays (Word, paper, 141 pp., \$5.95) This book is written by the 64-year-old wife of Brooks Hays, Arkansas congressman who served the U.S. House of Representatives for 16 years and is a former SBC president. As a church leader's wife and as a "political wife," Mrs. Hays has made lots of speeches. As a speaker's resource, the book blends devotional thoughts for women's groups, personal reflections, and anecdotes about public figures.

Guest Opinion

Has the Bible been banned from public schools?

By R. O. Webber

Part I of a two-part series

As this is being written there is a petition being circulated in the Congress — the House of Representatives — by U. S. Rep. Philip M. Crane, to draw a bill out of committee so that it may be considered by that body and either approved or defeated. This is Bill S-450.

The U. S. Senate, in April, 1979, passed this measure, sponsored by Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C. (a Southern Baptist) calling for the removal of issues involving prayer in the Public Schools, from the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts. This measure appeared necessary to many, since many school administrators and other interested parties interpret the Supreme Court's 1962/1963 decisions banning "state sponsored and written school prayers" (as termed by the Baptist Record) as banning all prayer and Bible reading in public schools. After Senate passage U. S. Rep. Philip M. Crane, R-Ind., introduced an identical bill in the House — which has been bottled up in the House Judiciary Committee. As of June 26, this petition had over 75% of the signatures required.

The June 26, 1980, issue of the Baptist Record states that the "more than 30 groups opposing an effort by U. S. Rep. Philip M. Crane to force a vote on the volatile matter includes the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs." This announcement was made under the bold headline: "Religious Leaders

Join the Fray Over School Prayers."

The inference of the headline without reading further would naturally be that our religious leaders are fighting for a right or privilege that is being denied.

Porter W. Routh, interim director of the Washington based Baptist agency, told reporters, "We feel very strongly that the adoption of this legislation would not be in the best interest of the First Amendment . . . of religion itself." Too bad that he failed to say why. Routh also wrote each of the 435 Congressmen urging opposition to the Crane discharge petition.

In its July 3, 1980, issue, the Baptist Record again reports on the subject. It seems the same petition now has 177 signatures, only 41 short of success and states a House subcommittee will soon announce hearings on the measure itself which "will likely take some of the steam out of the effort to discharge the subcommittee from its jurisdiction over the bill and bring it to a vote." Here we see the "Christian Church" — "Guardian of our morals" — aiding and abetting the subterfuge of political maneuvering, the moral turpitude which underlies the usurpation of the rights of the people.

Here we see the voice of the churches (our church?) referring to the Helms bill as an effort to circumvent the Supreme Court's 1962/1963 decisions forbidding state-sponsored prayers and Bible reading in the public schools.

On the surface it might appear that the religious leaders do not want the Bible read — outside the auspices of the church —

Question — What kind of double-talk is this? What single act could possibly do more to separate church and state (the Federal Government) than to remove religious issues from the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts? The question, however, is not as simple as this! We must delve a little deeper if we are to find reliable answers.

Cooperation with or dependence of the "church" on civil government dates back to the early 4th century when Constantine, one of the contestants for the imperial Roman crown declared that he had seen a flaming cross in the skies having beneath it the words "With this Conquer." He then accepted Christianity in principle and with Christian support won the crown. In 313 A.D. he gave the Christians complete liberty of conscience and used his influence to further the interests of Christianity as did all subsequent Roman emperors with the exception of Julian (361-63 A.D.) until by the year 600 the empire was, loosely

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Record 130 Journeymen Set Other Precedents



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RICHMOND, Va. — When a record 130 missionary journeymen (10 from Mississippi) were commissioned by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board July 18, they set precedents in several ways.

For the first time in the program's history, for instance, the daughter of the Southern Baptist Convention's top administrator was among those commissioned. Cynthia Bennett Howard, daughter of Harold C. Bennett, executive secretary-treasurer of the convention's executive committee, and her husband Paul were employed to work two years in Liberia.

But also in the group were nine young adults who had lived on the mission field with missionary parents and two daughters of Foreign Mission Board staffers, the most ever named missionary journeymen from either group. Becky Cheyne is the daughter of John R. Cheyne, former missionary who is now the board's consultant for relief ministries, and Janine Listrom is the daughter of Don Listrom, assistant treasurer.

Besides Becky, other missionary children were Carla Carswell, daughter of missionaries Mr. and Mrs. Sidney G. Carswell; David Cave, son of former missionaries Mr. and Mrs. John D. Cave; June Hardy, daughter of missionaries Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Hardy; Sisi Finley, daughter of former missionary associates, Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. Finley; Steve Harrell, son of missionaries Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Harrell; Noel Ray, daughter of former missionaries Mr. and Mrs. Stanley E. Ray; and Alice Hunt-Reece, native of Meridian, Miss., daughter of former missionaries Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hunt, and her husband Kevin, son of missionaries Mr. and Mrs. Don Reece.

All missionary journeymen are recent college graduates under 26 who do not feel called to career mission service, but who do feel led to spend two years working alongside career missionaries overseas before pursuing a career in the States.

Opening new avenues of service for journeymen, Steve Howerton of Huntington, W.Va., was named the first missionary journeyman dentist and two young women and a young man were the first journeymen named social workers with refugees in Thailand and the Philippines.

As Pat Chamberlain, one of those young women, told during the service at Bon Air (Va.) Baptist Church, there was no request for journeymen to work with refugees until she applied.

After hearing the plight of the Indochinese refugees through a missionary visiting Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, where she was a student, who was dumbfounded. She immediately started work with a refugee resettlement program, but began investigating ways to go overseas to work with refugees. When missionaries in Thailand were asked if there was a need for journeymen to work with refugees, their answer was yes.



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The journeymen will depart in coming weeks for 43 different countries around the world. The largest numbers will go to Nigeria and Kenya, each of which will receive 10.

Those with Mississippi connections are:

Alice Hunt Reece: Employed as a secondary math teacher in Mombasa, Kenya. Most recently employed as a math teacher at Pepperell High School in Lindale, Ga. Current address: 1405 N. Main St., Boaz, Ala. 35957. College: University of Montevallo (Ala.), B.S. '78; University of Alabama in Birmingham. She worked in BSU international ministries. Church: West Rome Baptist, Rome, Ga. Daughter of M/M Bob Hunt of Boaz, her hometown. She was born in Meridian, Miss., and also lived in Taiwan, where her parents were Southern Baptist missionaries.

Kevin Reece: Employed as a student worker in personal evangelism at Mombasa Baptist High School, Kenya. Most recently employed as English and French department head at Cave Spring (Ga.) High School. Current address: 1405 N. Main St., Boaz, Ala. 35957. College: Samford University, Birmingham, Ala., B.A. '78. Church: West Rome Baptist, Rome, Ga. Son of Southern Baptist missionaries M/M Don Reece of Owerri, Nigeria.

Dennis Roman: Employed as a teacher at School of Health Sciences, Gaza. Most recently employed at the Veteran's Administration Center, Jackson, Miss. Current address: 510 Salem Ave., Holly Springs, Miss. 38635. College: Mississippi College, Clinton, B.S. '79. Church: First Baptist, Jackson. Son of M/M Michael A. Roman of Holly Springs, his hometown. He was born in Detroit, Mich.

Sandy Snell: Employed as a minister to youth at Calvary Baptist Church, Bangkok, Thailand. Most recently employed as a social worker at Ellisville (Miss.) State School. Current address: 411 S. 24th Ave., Hattiesburg, Miss. 39401. College: University of Southern Mississippi, B.S. '77. Church: Temple, Hattiesburg. Daughter of M/M Reese Snell of Hattiesburg, her hometown.

Susan Underwood: Employed as a social worker with refugees in Bangkok, Thailand. Current address: 2520 Hilderbrand Dr., Douglasville, Ga. 30135. College: University of Southern Mississippi, B.A. '80. She was a BSU summer missionary in Missouri and Nevada and a Home Mission Board summer missionary in New York. Church: Victory Baptist,

Douglasville. Daughter of M/M Emmett I. Underwood of Douglasville, her hometown. She was born in Atlanta, Ga.

Randy Leslie: Employed as a youth worker in Montevideo, Uruguay. Most recently employed as minister of youth at First Baptist Church, Shannon, Miss., and pastor of Union Hill Baptist Church, Nettleton, Miss. Current address: 317 Lumpkin Ave., Tupelo, Miss. 38801. College: Clarke College, Blue Mountain College, B.S. '80. Church: First Baptist, Shannon. Son of Virginia Scribner of Tupelo, his hometown.

Marcia Evans: Employed as a secretary in the mission office, Recife, Brazil. Current address: 278 Montana Ave., Valparaiso, Fla. 32580. College: Casper (Wyo.) College, A.A. '78; University of Wyoming, Laramie, B.M. '80. She was Northern Plains BSU president. Church: University Baptist, Laramie. Daughter of M/M John Evans of Valparaiso. She was born in Meridian, Miss., and considers Laramie her hometown.

Janet Dickerson: Employed as a nurse in Jibla, Yemen. Most recently employed as a nurse at North Carolina Memorial Hospital, Chapel Hill. Current address: 703 Washington St., Booneville, Miss. 38829. College: University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson, B.S. '77. Church: Carrboro (N.C.) Baptist. Daughter of M/M Hugh Dickerson of Booneville, her hometown. She was born in Tupelo, Miss.

Donna Dillon: Employed as an MK and Women's Training Centre teacher in Ogbomoshó, Nigeria. Most recently employed as a secretary at New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary. Current address: 201 Frisco Rd., Pensacola, Fla. 32507. College: University of West Florida, Pensacola, B.A. '78. Seminary: New Orleans, M.R.E. '80. She was a staffer at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Conference Center and did church expansion work in Punta Gorda, Fla. Church: Warrington Baptist, Pensacola. Daughter of Albert P. Dillon of Jackson, Miss., and Ormie Lee Dillon of Pensacola, her hometown.

Jackie Coley: Employed as an MK teacher in David, Panama. Current address: 917 Barnett Dr., Starkville, Miss. 39759. College: Mississippi State (Miss.) University, B.S. '80. She served on the BSU International Student Council and as secretary for her church's missions committee. Church: First Baptist, Starkville. Daughter of M/M Jack D. Coley of Starkville, her hometown.

Lauderdale Chooses New BSU Director

Charlotte Johnson is new Baptist Student Union Director for Meridian Junior College and the Matty Hersee School of Nursing.

The part time job is sponsored by the Lauderdale Association in cooperation with the Student Ministries department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Miss Johnson is a graduate of the junior college, the University of Southern Mississippi, and Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., where she earned the master of religious education degree.

She has taught elementary school in Meridian and Jonesboro, Ga.

This world is a comedy to those who think, a tragedy to those who feel. — Horace Walpole

Softball Tournament Is Scheduled

The state Baptist softball tournament is scheduled for Aug. 22-23 in Jackson. There will be 38 women's teams and 30 men's teams playing, according to Tom Prather, state tourney director.

The 30 men's teams will be the top teams out of every fire entered in the regional tourneys.

The Jackson finals will take place at the city softball fields at the VA, Police Training Academy, Air Base, and at Van Winkle Baptist Church.

Defending champions are Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson for the men, and Raymond Road Church, Jackson, for the women.

MBMC Enrolls 100+ In Health Programs

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Also this fall (and next spring) three of MBMC's four schools will observe special anniversaries of their programs. Events are now being set for the Licensed Practical Nursing School which has been located at MBMC since 1955. Next spring the Respiratory Therapy and Medical Technology Schools will observe their 20th and 35th year anniversaries, respectively, followed by a 30-year anniversary of the Radiologic Technology School in 1982. The med tech, radiology, and respiratory therapy programs at Baptist are each accredited by the American Medical Association and the American Hospital Association; of these programs, MBMC's Respiratory Therapy School offers the only accredited technician program in the state. The LPN School affiliated with Hinds Junior College received its accreditation from the State Department of Education.

Other scheduled speakers for this fall include Marjean Patterson, WMU executive director for the Mississippi Baptist Convention, who gives Bible-teaching sessions twice a month for the LPN students. Another speaker is Bev Hammock, associate in the department of Christian social ministries for the Home Mission Board. Miss Hammock will speak to MBMC students, employees and hospital visitors on Monday, Sept. 15.

High school and junior high counselors throughout the state will be in-

vited to MBMC in October for the second MBMC "Health Careers Unlimited" seminar to familiarize them with health careers, job openings and educational preparation for these fields.

"Our recruitment efforts begin at the junior high level in an attempt to get young people to think about high school courses they will need to enter a health care field," Pryor said. "The competition for entrance to the programs gets stiffer each year. But upon graduation from one of our programs, the student will find that the clinical

experience at MBMC has prepared him for the real world of work."

Also in October (20-22) MBMC students will observe "Outreach 80" at the hospital. Speakers for these days will be Tommy Hudson, pastor of Oak Forest Baptist Church in Jackson; Mrs. Ellen Sullivan of Tylertown who will give a special testimony; and Keith Tonkel, pastor of Wells Memorial and St. Johns Methodist Churches in Jackson. Leading the music during these programs will be Jimmy Bilbo, minister of music at Midway Baptist Church in Jackson.



Newly elected representatives to MBMC's Baptist Student Union Executive Council include (front row, left to right) Jane Worthy of Eupora, president; Chris Pullon, Ferriday, La.; Lynn Jones, Quitman; Tami Carallo, Forest; Gloria B. Rester, Clinton; (second row) Rebecca Lea, Florence; Debbie Campbell, Grenada; Bill Spence, Walnut Grove; Minnie Marshall; Rolling Fork; Kim Clear, Jackson; Jo Lynn Elkins, Morton; and Kathy Dubuisson, Mobile, Ala.



Students from the four health-related schools at Baptist Medical Center present an annual Christmas caroling program to patients throughout the hospital.

Missions Emphasis To Be Part Of WMU Houseparty



Glaze

McFadden

Mrs. Jack Glaze and Mrs. John McFadden will share missions information, missions experience, and missions inspiration at the first Mississippi WMU Houseparty at Garaywa, Sept. 12-14.

Mrs. Glaze and Mrs. McFadden will both speak and conduct vesper.

Mrs. Glaze returned to the United States when her husband, A. Jackson Glaze, became Chairman of the division of Religion at Mississippi College. They had lived in Argentina since their appointment in 1952. His service in Argentina included serving as president of the International Baptist Seminary, 1966-75. She is a native of South Carolina and is a graduate of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. Her responsibilities in Argentina included teaching in the seminary, working with WMU, writing Spanish materials for WMU, and designing covers for WMU books.

Mrs. McFadden, a native of Oklahoma, grew up in Hattiesburg. She is a graduate of University of Southern Mississippi, and was certified in medical technology after training in the

University of Mississippi Schools of Medicine and Medical Technology. Before appointment in 1972, she worked at University Medical Center and St. Dominic Hospital, both in Jackson, and later worked in Galveston. Also prior to their appointment she and her husband served as special project missionaries for the Foreign Mission Board in Eku, Nigeria.

The houseparty will begin with supper on Friday night. All WMU officers, members and prospects of Baptist Women and BYW, leaders and workers with age-level organizations will find places of help during the weekend. The houseparty will close with brunch, following Sunday School and morning worship. Cost for the weekend is \$22 per person. Reservations should be made by mailing name, address and phone number, and name of church, along with the \$22 per person, to WMU Houseparty, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205.

Deadline for registration is Sept. 8. No refunds will be made after Sept. 10.

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Names In The News



Gerald Shook was ordained at Paynes Church near Charleston in Talahatchie County, on Sunday June 29, at 4 p.m. A student at Mid-America Seminary, Memphis, he is interim pastor at Paynes. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Shook of Clarksdale and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Shook of Paynes, and is married to the former Pam Zelenak of Grenada. They have two children, Brandy and Blake.

Reginald Barnard, professor at Mid-America Seminary, was guest speaker at the ordination service.

Steve Mooneyham was ordained to the gospel ministry Sunday night, July 13, at First Church, Calhoun City. His ordination was requested by Parkhill Church, Jackson, where he is associate pastor. Mooneyham is a student at Mississippi College.

Daniel Platt Morris, missionary journeyman to Hong Kong-Macao, has completed his term of service and returned to the States (address: 3027 Jasmine Rd., Montgomery, Ala. 36111). Born in Columbus, Miss., he grew up in Montgomery.

Edward and Nita Taylor, missionaries to Brazil, have arrived in Brazil for language study (address: Caixa Postal 1635, 13100 Campinas SP, Brazil). He was born in Greenwood, Miss.

Two men from New Hope Church in Lawrence County have received perfect attendance pins for Sunday School. Julius Nelson received a 22-year pin and Kelly Thames received a 20-year pin. Drew D. Blanton is pastor.

James C. Downey, professor of music history at William Carey College, is one of 35 scholars who represented the United States at the Third International Conference on Popular Culture July 29-Aug. 1 at King Alfred's College in Winchester, England.

A frequent contributor to journals in the United States on topics of American folklore and popular music, Downey was to address the conference on "Popular Origins of the Music of the American Evangelical Tradition." He also chaired a session of the conference devoted to the study of music in contemporary life.



Calhoun Builds In California

A mission group left Saturday, Aug. 2, for Winton, Calif., from the Baptist churches in Calhoun Baptist Association, plus Dwight Brown of Chickasaw Association. This group will be working on the construction of a sanctuary for the First Baptist Church of Winton. These individuals from 13 churches in Calhoun Association are supported by 23 churches and individual contributions.

Simpson Team Returns From Sparks, Nev.

Clint and Cristy Rotenberry, Herbert and Carman Kinnon, Faye Barrette, Karen Elzy, Grana Morgan, Randy Harvey, Pam Herchahan, Renee Barnard and Glen and Juanita Schilling returned to Simpson County from Sparks, Nev. July 28. In Nevada a week, they held three Backyard Bible Clubs each day, with an average attendance of 31. Only two of these children attended Sunday School or church. Many of them had never owned a Bible. Twelve Bibles were given by the volunteer group.

The Christian Survey Team made 551 contacts, and found 37 prospective families. Herbert Kinnon shared a devotion during the Wednesday evening worship service. The four youths gave a puppet presentation Sunday morning.

Members of Temple, at Sparks, expressed appreciation for the presence and work of the missionary team.

"The Simpson Baptist Team sent to Sparks, Nevada would like an invitation to share their experience in churches," states Glen Schilling, Simpson director of missions.

An Eskimo professor was sent to New York by the department of housing to observe the way people lived there. He returned home with a thick sheaf of notes and a length of steel pipe. He promptly set the pipe up in the igloo so that it extended through the roof.

"What's that for?" his wife asked. "Something I learned in New York. When you want more heat you bang on the pipe."

Sadler Chair Is Established At MC

The William O. Sadler Endowed Chair in biological sciences is being established at Mississippi College by friends and former students of Sadler. Total pledges are already approaching the \$100,000 mark.

Initiated by a group of physicians and dentists who are now practicing throughout the country, the Endowed Chair is honoring a professor who guided many professionals in the medical field during their undergraduate days at Mississippi College.

A steering committee is composed of Jack C. Keen, Hattiesburg; Tad Barham, Clinton; James H. Stribling, Brookhaven; and Scott McCay, Clinton; along with other former students of Sadler determined to establish the Endowed Chair as a lasting tribute to their former professor.

Sadler, who served on the Mississippi College science faculty from 1952 until his retirement in 1972, still lives in Clinton and remains active in community and church affairs. His influence on his students is manifested by the response which has come to the Endowed Chair in his honor.

Washboard Band Will Play In Tupelo

The Ladies' Washboard Band from Morrison Heights Church, Clinton, will perform at the Singles Talent Show on Friday night, Aug. 15, at Harrisburg Church, Tupelo, at 7 p.m.

Staff Changes

Chester Estes, Jr. recently became the pastor of Salem Church, Raymond. He follows Harry F. Jones who retired from the active ministry last fall.



Estes, active in Mississippi pastorate since 1956, comes to Salem after 16 months with World Literature Crusade of Los Angeles. He traveled thousands of miles with WLC ministering in prayer seminars, television ministries, public relations, and "Christ-Centered-Estate Planning."

He and his wife Shirley have one son, Chet, age 3½.

Gene Balding has assumed duties as pastor of Nineteenth Avenue Church, Hattiesburg. He formerly was pastor of Lakeview Church, Cave Springs, Ark. Balding received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Tennessee Temple University and Master of Theology degree from Dallas Theological Seminary. Currently he is studying for the Doctor of Ministry degree. He is married and has two sons.



Balding

John Cockrell has announced his resignation as pastor of Unity and North Union churches in Attala County. He plans to enter Southwestern Seminary in Ft. Worth, Texas, this fall. A graduate of Mississippi College, he began his pastorate on Dec. 1, 1978. He and his wife Pam and their two children will move to Ft. Worth the latter part of August.

Mrs. Deborah King has accepted a position as kindergarten director at First Church, Crystal Springs. She taught in the church's kindergarten program last year.

Mrs. King is a graduate of Mississippi College with a degree in home economics and special training in preschool education and business.

1st, Tupelo Will Celebrate 130th Year

First Church, Tupelo, will celebrate its 130th anniversary on Sunday, Aug. 17. Dinner will be served on the grounds after the morning worship service.

The church was organized Aug. 19, 1850, in a log house in a hickory grove about three miles northwest of its present site. Called Hickory Grove in the beginning, it was renamed in 1861. It was the only church in Tupelo until the Presbyterian church was built in 1860. The church served as a hospital during the War Between the States. It was left in ruins after a tornado on April 5, 1936. It was destroyed by fire in November, 1950. "Through tornado, war, fire and every other challenge, First Baptist Church has been a bright and shining light for Christ!" declares Bill Rittenhouse, the church's 32nd pastor.

Revival Results

Bethlehem Church, Pinola: Tom Larrimore, preaching; R. G. Stewart, pastor; one profession of faith; two by letter; eight rededications.

Gore Springs: July 28-Aug. 1; four by letter; Bobby Walton, pastor of New Hope, Foxworth, evangelist; Mr. and Mrs. Gary Lewis of Hardy Church, Grenada, musicians; Bernette Fielder, pastor.

Calvary Church, Oak Grove: Aug. 17-22; Jerry Oswalt, professor, Department of Religion, William Carey College, evangelist; Thomas Lott, director of Foreign Language Department, William Carey College and minister of music at Pineview Church, music evangelist; services at 11 a.m. Sunday, followed by dinner in fellowship hall; Sunday night at 7; during week at 7:30 p.m.; Douglas E. Benedict, pastor.

Concise is a form of "I" strain that doctors can't cure.

Long Predicts Passage Of Tax Saving Measure

ALEXANDRIA, La. (BP) — U. S. Sen. Russell Long, D-La., chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance, is confident his bill to restore a \$20,000 exclusion for income tax for religious and charitable group employees will be enacted soon.

"Right now it looks like we will have little problem getting this bill (S.1703) through the Senate," Long said in Louisiana recently. "I know that support for its passage is heavy in Congress and the Senate Finance Committee has already approved it. I personally don't think that persons such as foreign missionaries who have already sacrificed so much to carry out their work should be additionally burdened or penalized."

"I think that Congress, in attempting to close loopholes of U.S. citizens working in foreign countries with the passage of Foreign Earned Income Act of 1978, now realizes the harmful effect that legislation had on religious groups. Although the Foreign Earned Income Act of 1978 set forth a series of liberal deductions for Americans working in foreign countries, the deduction approach apparently does not help our missionaries and employees of other charitable organizations who usually serve in low-cost foreign countries."

Although passage of this bill, which Long is co-sponsoring, would exclude missionaries from paying income tax on the first \$20,000 earned abroad, it would not exclude them from paying taxes altogether. All missionaries pay taxes to the country in which they live.

Long, who has been a member of Congress since 1948, grew up in Winfield, La., and is now a member of First Baptist Church, Baton Rouge. It was largely because of hundreds of letters and phone calls to the senator from Louisiana Baptists that he intro-

McBride Is State's First Woman Priest

JACKSON (EP) — Molly McBride, Mississippi's first woman Episcopal priest, did not come here with the idea of "making a point." Others, however, are making one. Eight Mississippi priests opposed to women's ordination have protested her appointment as outreach director at St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral. In a letter to the diocesan publication, The Episcopal Church News, they vowed "not to participate in any sacramental functions in which she or any other woman acting in the role of a priest or bishop participates."

Mrs. McBride, 29, was ordained to the priesthood last May. Her husband, Jerry McBride, 28, has been ordained a deacon, the step before the priesthood. He will work as an assistant to the rector at St. James Episcopal Church here. As St. Andrew's outreach director, Mrs. McBride will direct the cathedral's social projects. Someday, she hopes to have "a team ministry with my husband to work together in the same parish as co-leaders."

Early to bed and early to rise, makes a man healthy, and wealthy, and wise. — Benjamin Franklin.

Homecomings

Byhalis Church will observe homecoming Aug. 24. The guest speaker will be Arthur H. Leslie, a former pastor. A covered dish luncheon will be served. The afternoon program will begin at 1, followed by special music and fellowship.

Greer Garrett is interim pastor.

Bethany Church, Bay Springs will celebrate homecoming day Sunday, Aug. 17. Roy Ming of Vicksburg, a former pastor at Bethany, will speak. Morning and afternoon services will be held, plus dinner on the grounds. Sunday School will begin at 10 a.m.

A revival also begins that day and will continue Mon.-Fri. at 7 p.m. with Kenneth Goff, pastor of Antioch Church near Florence, as evangelist.

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Revival Dates

Lula Church (Hattiesburg): Aug. 17-22; services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Charles Dampier, pastor of Lula Church, evangelist; Tommy Howard, minister of music and education at First Church, Leland, music evangelist.

First, Lambert: Aug. 17-22; Max Parker, evangelist, of Laurel; Richard Jenkins, music director, Lambert, singer; Wayne Long, pastor.

Newhebron Church: Aug. 17-22; regular Sunday schedule, 11:00 a.m. and 7 p.m., with lunch served at the church; week-day services at 7:30 p.m.; Sonny Adkins, staff evangelist of Newhebron Church, in his fourth year as a full-time evangelist, preaching; Don Boone, minister of music Shiloh Church, Saraland, Ala., leading the music.

Swiftwater, Greenville: Aug. 17-22; at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Sunday; 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.; Don Henderson, of First, Nesbit, preaching; Gary and Linda Lewis of Hardy, Grenada, presenting music; Donna Jones and Sandra Lee, musicians; Walter Simmons, pastor.

New Hope Church (Marion): Aug. 17-22; Earl Ezell, pastor of Meadowood Church, Amory, evangelist; Rex Lucas, minister of music, Shiloh Church, leading music; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; during the week at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Bobby Walton, pastor.

Ebenezer (Jeff Davis): Aug. 17-22; Robert Jones, pastor of Washington Church (Adams), evangelist; Charles Robert Jones, music director, Cedar Grove (Marion), music leader; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. with dinner at the church; during week at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Ralph Cranford, pastor.

Arlington Church, Beaumont: Aug. 17-22; Sunday worship at 11 a.m., dinner on the grounds, and evening service at 7:30; weekday services at 7:30 p.m.; W. H. Efferson, pastor, Boyce Church, Boyce, La. evangelist; Linda Sylvester and Winford Herring, Arlington, leading in music; Richard E. Colwell, pastor.

Locust Street Church (Pike): Aug. 17-22; services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Sunday and at 7:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.; Barry Corbett, pastor of Calvary, Smithdale, evangelist; W. C. Burns, Bogaloussa, La. music leader; Thomas Wicker, pastor.

Hebron (Yazoo): Aug. 17-22; Wilson Winstead, pastor of Briar Hill, Florence, evangelist; Sunday, Homecoming Day with dinner on the grounds; Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. during the week at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Bill Hutto, pastor.

Bethany, Bay Springs: Aug. 17-22; services at 7 p.m.; Kenneth Goff, pastor of Antioch (Rankin), evangelist; homecoming on Aug. 17 with dinner on the grounds and Roy Ming, former pastor as speaker.

Paynes (Tallahatchie): Aug. 11-15; at 7 a.m. Tues.-Fri. and 7 p.m. Mon.-Fri.; C. W. Coffman, student at Mid-America Seminary, Memphis, evangelist; Gerald Shook, interim pastor.

Short Creek (Yazoo): Aug. 17-24; Doyle Cummings, pastor of First, Ita Bena, evangelist; Darrell Harrison, song leader; Mrs. May W. Carter, pianist; services at 7:30 p.m. during the week; homecoming on Aug. 24, with dinner on the grounds; Art Slaten, pastor.

Branch Church (Scott): Aug. 16-17; Spiritual Renewal Weekend; Saturday night at 7:30; Sunday worship service at 11, followed by dinner on the grounds and an afternoon service (no Sunday night service); Luther C. Newell, Jr., interim pastor; James Spencer, pastor of Morton Church, speaker for the special services; Cecil Harper, guest music director.

First Church, Beaumont: Aug. 13-17; Jack O'Neal Giles, pastor of Macedonia Church, Suqualena; preaching; Joe Strahan, pastor.

Upon This Rock



First Church, Okolona, recently pledged over \$250,000 toward a new building. "Our people responded in a magnificent way and we are deeply grateful for the valuable assistance given our church by Clarence Cutrell, retired, a former member of the state Stewardship Department staff," said pastor James Parker.



The IMPERIALS, the contemporary gospel group which has been at the top of the gospel song charts for the past year and which won the Dove Award for Male Gospel Group of 1980, will be coming to central Mississippi this summer. They will appear in concert at the

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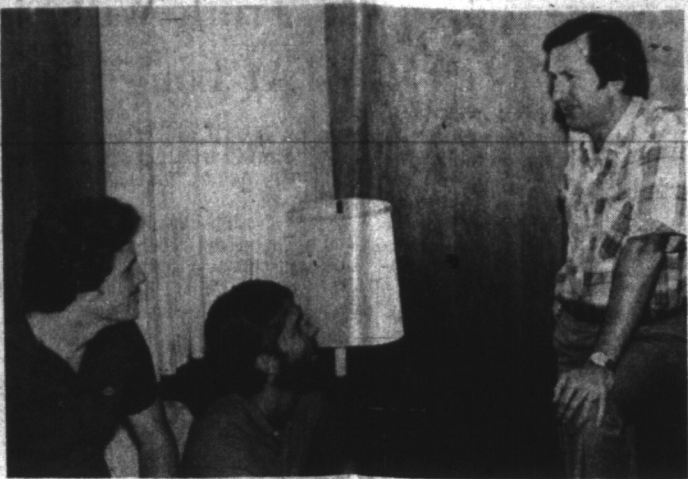
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Nancy Myers (left), admissions counselor at Mississippi College, provides some tips for filling out an application for admission to Polyanna Crawford of Utica. Miss Crawford is among the recent number of applicants who have applied for admission to Mississippi College for the fall semester which opens later this month. In the background are photos of other students who have been accepted for this year's freshman class.



The Baptist Student Union at Mississippi College will be sponsoring several socials and get-acquainted sessions during freshman orientation later this month. Making plans for the activities are, left to right, Mike Ethridge, 1980-81 BSU president; Eric Holleyman, assistant director of religious activities; and Dr. Bradley Pope, director of religious activities. The BSU is one of the most active organizations on campus.



Getting the books marked and on the shelf for the several thousand students who report in to Mississippi College each fall is always a major task. Here Norman H. Gough, Jr. (left) and John Gentry, both of Clinton and both Trading Post employees, get a stack of books ready for the shelves. Gough, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman H. Gough, and Gentry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gentry, will both be freshmen at Mississippi College and will be changing roles from stacking books to studying books. Gough, Sr. directs Public Relations at MC.

Applications Are Rising At Mississippi College

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 "tuned to experience growth through the years."
 Lee is proud to note that an outstanding feature of the incoming freshman class is the leadership potential of its members. Among the prospective members are the president of the state council of student officers, an international twirling champion, a number of student body and senior class presidents, as well as star athletes in all sports.

Many Activities
 A variety of activities are planned throughout the first few weeks of school involving students, faculty and administration so as to give the newcomers a chance to become better acquainted with one another and with the college family.
 Transfer students will be welcomed by the Lewis Nobles at the president's home during an open house from 10-11 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 27. From 12:30 to 5 p.m. all new students are scheduled to visit the Jackson Zoo for an afternoon of entertainment. The First Baptist Church of Jackson will host the students at regular worship services and a special fellowship starting at 5 p.m., while the day will close out with a get-together in the valley behind the Student Center at 10 p.m.
 After attending the first full day of classes on Thursday, students will be scheduled to attend the orientation session of the Student Center sponsored by Northside Baptist Church of Clinton starting at 6 p.m. A freshman talent show is scheduled for 8 p.m. in Nelson Auditorium.
 Following a Labor Day week-end break, social activities will begin again on Tuesday, Sept. 2, with a barbecue and concert at Calvary Baptist Church in Jackson. Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. the Morrison Heights Baptist Church of Clinton will entertain the students with worship and a fellowship period.
 Thursday, Sept. 4, will find Parkway

Baptist Church of Jackson hosting the students at a pizza party starting at 6 p.m. At 9 p.m. the various social clubs on campus will have a general rush meeting.
 Friday, Sept. 5, will feature a pep rally on the campus quadrangle and a freshman dinner get-together at 6 p.m. Saturday, starting at 9 a.m., the formal orientation schedule will close with the annual "Clash of the Classes."

Close MBC Ties
 The opening of the 130th year as an agency of the Mississippi Baptist Convention is expected to create even a closer relationship between the college and other agencies of the MBC. The spacious A. E. Wood Coliseum has attracted Royal Ambassador meetings, church music groups, and other religious organizations to the campus for special meetings and statewide conferences and even more are expected this coming school year.
 Mississippi College had approximately 250 students preparing for full-time church-related vocations this past year, while hundreds of other students took part in special conferences and activities sponsored by the BSU. There were 21 students of the college who were appointed to serve as summer missionaries at home and abroad. Numerous others served in churches and in various camps and assemblies.
 Of the 341 individuals who received degrees at the May commencement, between 60-70 percent have announced plans for seminary, graduate or professional school training in the future. Of the 41 graduates in the division of science and mathematics, 19 have been admitted to medical school, four to dental school and four to graduate school with assistantships to Vanderbilt, Clemson, University of South Carolina and Mississippi State University, and one to medical technology school. The others have all accepted fulltime employment.

Mississippi College can boast of a sound financial operation, too. Operating on a \$7.7 million for the past year, the college closed the books on May 31 "in the black" for the 48th consecutive year. Financial support from alumni and friends is a must for any institution and college officials are quick to point out that it was support from such individuals that has allowed the college to operate on a balanced budget through the years. Continued support is solicited in the coming school year.
 As Nobles put it in a letter to alumni and friends, "We covet your continued interest, good will and your prayerful support of all of us who work with and for Mississippi College."
 Says Lee, "In addition to leadership potential, these students have another thing in common — their desire for a quality education in a Christian setting."
 The 1979-80 student body continued to show the world-wide impact of the college, with students representing 75 of the 82 Mississippi counties, 40 of the 50 states and 11 foreign countries. The foreign country representatives include missionaries' children. Similar representation is expected in the 1980-81 student body.

Orientation
 The 155th session officially opens on Saturday, Aug. 23, as the new students report in for a special orientation starting at 1 p.m. in the A. E. Wood Coliseum. The afternoon session will feature an opening general session with parents and students, followed by academic advising of students under the direction of Phil McCarty, professor of religious education, as well as informational talks on the business office, the campus bookstore, and the post office.
 Following dinner in the college cafeteria, an evening session will deal with "Life On A College Campus," acquainting students with what they can expect as new collegians. There will also be the introduction of student leaders, an orientation overview, and a movie in Nelson Auditorium.
 Church activities will take up most of the day on Sunday, with the new students urged to participate in services provided by the various churches of the area. President Lewis Nobles, and his wife, the first lady of the college, will welcome the new students with an open house in their home from 2:30 to 5 p.m.
 The First Baptist Church of Clinton is planning a special service and fellowship at their new facilities directly across from the campus.
 Orientation will continue on Monday at 9 a.m. in Nelson Auditorium with an opening session entitled "What College Life Is All About." This will be followed by academic advising and class scheduling of both freshmen and transfer students. Academic advising will continue throughout the afternoon, concluding with a social on the patio of the B.C. Rogers Student Center at which time Baptist Student Union leadership will be introduced.

4:30 p.m. for advisement from faculty members. Registration for day and night law school students will be from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday in the Student Center. Law classes will begin on the regular schedule on Monday, Aug. 25.
 All graduate and undergraduate classes will begin on the regular schedule on Thursday, Aug. 28. Classes will not meet on Monday, Sept. 1, because of the Labor Day holiday.



These students will be leading the Mississippi College Student Body Association during the 1980-81 school year which begins later this month. Seated, left to right, are Tom Washburn, Tupelo, attorney; Janet Strange, Vicksburg, Women's Affairs Board chairman; Reta Buckley, Clinton, secretary; and Britt McCarty, Jackson, president. Standing, left to right, are Carter Thompson, Jackson, chief justice; Hal Fisher, Blue Mountain, treasurer; Billy Mack, Pickering, Collins, Men's Affairs Board chairman; and Mike Slaughter, Greenwood, vice-president.

- Mississippi Baptist Activities**
- Aug. 18 Church Growth Conference, FBC, Senatobia, 7:00-9:00 p.m. (EVAN/SS)
 - Aug. 18-21 WMU Camp, Camp Garaywa, Clinton, 7:00 p.m., 18th - 2:00 p.m., 21st
 - Aug. 19 Church Growth Conference, FBC, Winona, 7:00-9:00 p.m. (EVAN/SS)
 - Aug. 23 Associational Officers' Training Conferences, 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (PD) FBC, Columbia/FBC, Carthage/FBC, Oxford

Accreditation News Reaches Law School

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 annually for the next three years by the accreditation committee to verify the school is complying with ABA guidelines.
 "This accreditation will have a major impact on our School of Law and on legal education in general in Mississippi," said Turnage. "We have already had an influx of applicants for the fall semester which opens later this month and I'm confident we will have other inquiries as word of accreditation spreads."
 Mississippi College School of Law graduated 146 individuals on Saturday, Aug. 9, with the doctor of jurisprudence degree and they were the first to receive degrees from the accredited school. The decision will not be retroactive for previous graduating classes.
 "Mississippi College graduates will now receive the same privileges and benefits as graduates of fully accredited law schools," said Turnage. Under a law passed by the 1979 Mississippi Legislature, individuals seeking a license to practice law after November of 1984 must graduate from an accredited law school and take the bar admissions test.
 Turnage indicated that if the School of Law passes ABA scrutiny during the three-year provisional period then it should win full accreditation. Full accreditation would mean the school would be inspected only once every

seven years.
 "To say we are elated over the provisional accreditation would likely be an understatement," volunteered Turnage, adding, "The central location of the Mississippi College School of Law, coupled with the accreditation, should give real impetus to legal training in Mississippi."
 The law dean said plans are for the School of Law to move to its downtown Jackson location in the former United Gas Pipeline Building on East Griffith Street during the break between first and second semester in late December and early January. The building is located adjacent to the legislative and judicial hub of the state.
 Major renovation of the existing building has already been completed, while a two-story addition to house the law library is under construction and is expected to be completed by November. The addition, located to the south of the existing building, will include 20,000 square feet of floor space and is being constructed in such a way that an additional floor could be added above and below should expansion be necessary.
 The Mississippi College School of Law is housed on the second floor of the Leland Speed Library on the campus in Clinton. Registration for classes for the first semester of the 1980-81 school year is set for Thursday, Aug. 21, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Student Center on campus.



Bangladesh Pastor Visits State

Jason P. Das, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church in Dacca, Bangladesh, visited the Baptist Record with Billy Johnson, pastor of Dixie Baptist Church, Hattiesburg. Immanuel is the largest church affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention in Bangladesh. Das visited in Mississippi following his trip to Bangladesh.

Toronto for the Baptist World Congress. He also visited in the home of the parents of R. T. Buckley, who, with his wife, Fran, is a missionary to Bangladesh. The elder Buckley is a member of Palestine Baptist Church, Picayune. Johnson's son, Daniel, is a journeyman missionary to Bangladesh.

Louise Hill Miller . . .

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 living at Route 4, Louisville, sharing love, strength, and companionship with her aging parents. Mr. and Mrs. Luther A. Hill. Her brothers, L. D. and Phillip, and sisters, Evelyn and Roynell, take turns with her in caring for their parents.
 "Tuesday," she wrote me last spring, "I went down to my place to check on some matters and I'll go again as soon as the weather clears. I need to get some more pecan trees set out and get the apple trees pruned, and the pear tree, and see about getting up some 'no trapping' signs in the woods. I love the place down there. It was Mil-

ler's home and then our home."
 "Just give Louise a newspaper to read and she's happy," Gene Pierce said once. Her favorite newspaper, she said, is the Baptist Record.
 Her plans for the future? She quoted Chester Swor: "I don't know what the future holds, but I know Who holds the future." I imagine she will continue to keep Proverbs 3:6 as her motto. And I have no doubt that she will continue to be thoughtful of others.
 To accomplish a goal once, she followed the advice of Katherine Walker Halliday: "Start doing what you can where you are now." That sounds like good advice for everyone, any time.

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Long Beach, Calif. (EP) — A group of 48 born again Christians demonstrated that turnaround is fair play when they showed up at the door of the 1980 Divine Love Convention of Jehovah's Witnesses held at the Long Beach Convention Center and Arena, July 20. When many of the more than 16,000 Jehovah's Witnesses in attendance came outside during the two hour lunch break, and again while leaving in the afternoon at the close of the Convention, they were met by the Christians who offered them literature and a series of short pre-recorded messages which were broadcast over a portable public address system.

Upperclassmen will begin registering on Wednesday, Aug. 27, at 9 a.m. in the Student Center according to the following schedule: Senior — A-L, 9-10 a.m.; M-Z, 10-11 a.m.; Juniors — A-L, 1-1:45 p.m.; M-Z, 1:45-2:30 p.m.; Sophomores — A-L, 2:30-3 p.m.; M-Z, 3-3:30 p.m.
 Graduate and undergraduate students attending Evening School only will register in the Student Center on Monday, Aug. 25, beginning at 4:30 p.m. Forms may be picked up in the foyer of Nelson Hall prior to registration.
 Fall registration for the School of Law will be held on Thursday, Aug. 21, with students reporting in from 1:30 to

For The Record



FIRST CHURCH Youth Choir, RIPLEY, presented the musical "Believer" by Dallas Holm, on July 20, at the church. Colored lighting was used along with an orchestral sound track. Soloists were: Becky Tapp, John Stanford, Phil Shackelford, Debbie Welch, Lorrie Murphy, and Mitzi Holley. Narration was by John Holliday.

The choir left Ripley, July 24 for Meeker, Colo. where they were on a mission tour. The musical "Believer" was presented, and puppets and a musical group, RELEVANT, were featured. They also conducted Backyard Bible Clubs and worked in an evangelistic crusade with Gary Cornett, music/youth director, as evangelist. They returned Aug. 2.

Seated left to right: Danna Goolsby, Allen Murphy, Teresa White, Leslie Martin, Treva Crum, Sharon Tapp, Phillip Carter, Terri Yarbrough.

Standing, left to right: Lori Grisham, John Stanford, Ken Nance, Judy Nance, Becky Tapp, J. L. Street, Lori Gay, Paula White, Gloria Jamieson, John Holliday, Debbie Welch, Charla Hopper, Phil Shackelford, Mitzi Holley, Lorrie Murphy, Jonathan Counce, Susan Stanford, Melanie Martin.

Not pictured are: Lisa Holliday, Tameri Bryant, Staci Munn, Leslie Stotter, Lisa Stotter, Kim Yarbrough, Phillip Counce, Ed Holliday, Harry Holliday. Others singing with the group not pictured are: Tommy McMillin and Roy McDowell. The pastor is Harris Counce, Jr.



HOLLY CHURCH, CORINTH, sent five older children to West Point to take part in the State Bible Drill there. All five received Superior ratings. They are, front row, left to right: Carol Ann Dalton, Jill Davis, Greg Hinton, and back row, left to right: Tim Bradley, Mrs. Danny Bradley, Bible Drill leader, and Greg Gant. This was the group's first year to participate in the drill.

Acteons of Nola Church, Lawrence County, attended a brunch on July 2 given by Waudean Harris of Georgetown. The event was combined with a weekly Acteons meeting where study of the Acteons handbook and memorization of national and state WMU leaders were achieved. Mrs. Denise Windom is the Acteons leader.

Japan Missionaries Get Month-Long 'Thank You'

By Lois Whaley

TOKYO, Japan — Members of the Mito Baptist Church north of Tokyo showed their gratitude in typical Oriental fashion when they said a month-long "thank you" to Tom and Mary Gullatt for giving 30 years of their lives to God for evangelism in Japan.

The church invited the Gullatts' two children, Miriam and John, to return to Mito for the occasion, providing travel expenses for Miriam, her husband Ken Taylor, and their two sons to come from Oklahoma City, and for John's family to come up from Tokyo. The month of June was filled with church, social and cultural activities at which the entire family were feted, and through which many non-Christian friends in the city were contacted.

This celebration came to a climax the end of June with a special evangelistic campaign conducted by Kenji Otani, former pastor of the Oimachi Baptist Church in Tokyo, which sponsored the mission in Mito.

Fire Damages Dallas Baptist

DALLAS (BP) — Fire in the science center at Dallas Baptist College July 31 caused an estimated \$30,000 damage.

A campus security officer discovered the one-alarm fire at 6:35 a.m. Five fire trucks responded to the call and had the blaze under control by 7:30 a.m.

The apparent cause of the fire was a "spontaneous ignition of one of the many chemicals stored in the unair-conditioned storage room" of the science department, according to Captain Jerry Foster, investigator of the Dallas Fire Department.

Truth Will Sing At Long Beach

TRUTH will appear in concert at First Church, Long Beach, on Thursday, Aug. 21. The concert will start at 8 p.m.

Truth has 19 albums on the market. The group travels to a different city just about every day giving concerts in colleges and churches, more than 100,000 miles every year.

Devotional The Ultimate Value Of One Christian Witness

By Kirby Tyrone, Retired Teacher, Prentiss
Colossians 1:28

Many people would likely debate the subject and arrive at different conclusions, but the writer is attempting to present to you a very special case, one that possibly affected all parts of the world.



Around the turn of the century, there lived in the Society Hill community a young man who had been referred to as wild as a young mule, a horrifying individual in general. It is said that he would mount his steed, imbibe amounts of intoxicating beverage, and ride over the community terrifying people until they gasped in fear. Thoughts of the Lord, it seemed, never entered his mind and were totally foreign to him.

But in the course of time, a dedicated and beloved old man, a Christian man, approached him one day, placed his arm around his shoulder and said to him: "Mike, I want you to become a Christian." To the surprise of everyone, he responded affirmatively and at the next church service, he walked the aisle, professed faith in Christ, and was baptized soon thereafter.

Having become a Christian, he decided he would enter the ministry. Soon as he graduated from high school and received a bachelor's degree from a college, he proceeded to enroll in Southern Seminary at Louisville, Ky. Having completed a Th.D. in that institution, he began to preach and soon thereafter became a member of the faculty of Mississippi College, serving in the Bible Department.

As a Bible professor, he had the opportunity to explain the scriptures, thus enabling his students to know its meaning and what it meant for them in life. And it can be well assumed that in the classroom his personality and his knowledge of the scriptures won many young people to Christ and they in turn went out into the world in many capacities and took with them their learning and experience and passed it on to others who were thus made ready to do likewise to whomever they contacted.

It can well be supposed that many of the professor's students entered the business world and in their financial dealings put into practice what they received at the footsteps of the master teacher and thereby inspiring them to do likewise, passing Christianity to countless numbers of their customers, and they did likewise in witnessing to the world of business.

And there were others he taught, including people who became attorneys, medical doctors, engineers, and untold others, who included the noted professor's instructions in their daily lives and daily practices and thereby inspired many customers to live likewise.

There were missionaries who partially received their education in the aforesaid classes, who after properly preparing themselves in seminaries for their work in life, went on to foreign fields where they taught missions and instructed the listeners in the way of the Lord. Christianity having been instilled into their lives, the nationals began work among their fellow citizens and enabled them to know what it would mean for them when they passed from this world and entered into the glory land with the Lord and others of the world who possessed the same spirit.

All of what has been sketched in this paper could not have been done had it not started in the heart of an ideal deacon who for many years served his Master and Lord well in his church and community.

Calvary, Silver Creek, Will Dedicate New Sanctuary

Calvary Church, Silver Creek, (Lawrence) announces the completion of its new sanctuary. The dedication service for the new brick building which seats 300 will be held on August 17 at 2:30 p.m.

George Lee, director of missions for the Tri-County Association, will be the featured speaker at the dedication.

The building will be debt free at the time of the dedication.

Before the dedication service there will be a dinner-on-the-ground. The pastor is Garry M. Breland.

Either do not attempt at all, or go through with it — Ovid

Uniform Lesson Renewal Under Nehemiah

By Jack Glaze, Chairman
Division of Religion
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Basic Passage: Nehemiah 1:1-8
Focal Passage: Nehemiah 1:1-4
8:9-12
Lesson Background:
Ezra and Nehemiah originally formed one book and continue the work of Chronicles.

The Babylonian Empire was finally destroyed in 539 B.C. by the Medes and Persians under the leadership of Cyrus. The new emperor followed a policy of restraint toward conquered peoples, reversing the policy of deportation practiced by Assyria and Babylon. Foreign exiles were allowed the option of returning home and considerable local autonomy was granted in religious affairs.

Considerable numbers of the Jewish community in Mesopotamia responded and in 536 B.C. under Zerubbabel an altar for worship was erected on the rubble of the destroyed temple (Ezra 3:2). Sixteen years later Haggai and Zechariah effectively stirred the discouraged remnant to action and in 516 B.C. the Second Temple was completed.

For some seventy years the biblical record is silent about conditions in Jerusalem. Then another shaft of light breaks through as God called a remarkable "layman" to perform a most difficult task for his people. In 444 B.C. the sad state of the repatriates in Palestine profoundly stirred a trusted servant of King Artaxerxes I (cf. Neh. 1:1-4; Neh. 2:1). God miraculously provided a Jewish governor to lead in the rebuilding of the city and in a profound renewal of the people.

Considerable attention has been given to the problem of assigning chronological priority to Ezra or Nehemiah. A rapid survey of the biblical evidence tends to suggest that Ezra arrived prior to Nehemiah in approximately 458 B.C.; however, a careful analysis of the text and persons cited in light of contemporary historical documents (Cyrus cylinder and Elephantine papyri) has led to suggestions that Ezra possibly arrived later in 428 or even 398 B.C. Although dogmatism must be ruled out, and recognizing certain difficulties related to our present knowledge, the traditional date (458 B.C.) seems to be preferable.

The Lesson Outlined:
The writer of Chronicles had various

sources at his disposition for his edition of Israel's history. Among these was a journal of Nehemiah himself.

I. The Distressing News from Judah (Neh. 1:1-3). Although Nehemiah had achieved a high place of honor and confidence in the Persian Court, his sympathy and concern lay with the struggling remnant in and around Jerusalem.

While at his post of duty, Nehemiah was visited by Hanani, one of his brothers, and others from Judah. They brought the distressing report of Jerusalem's tragic condition. From Nehemiah's immediate reaction, it would seem that this was an unfortunate reversal of fortunes for the repatriate community. Apparently, some progress towards local security had been achieved and then encountered vigorous opposition. Had the report simply been a reflection of Nebuchadnezzar's destruction in 586 B.C. it is doubtful that Nehemiah would have been so profoundly distressed. That tragedy was old news! (Of course, it is possible that he was finally awakened to the situation by his brothers' firsthand account). It has been suggested that a new physical attack on the city had been perpetuated by those who had persuaded Artaxerxes to halt the rebuilding efforts in the traditionally sedentary city (cf. Neh. 4:17-23; 6:6-7).

II. The Prayer and Request (Neh. 1:5-2:6). Nehemiah was a man of prayer (cf. 1:4; 2:4; 5:19; 6:14; 13:30). The impact of the news caused deep concern for "certain days." If the suggestion that Artaxerxes had ordered the building activities suspended prior to the unexpected physical attack, there would have been grave personal danger for Nehemiah to request that the emperor reverse his stated policy.

1. The Prayer (1:5-11).

In his prayer, Nehemiah shows his acquaintance with Deuteronomy, identifies himself with his people and their sins (cf. 1:6), accepts the righteousness of God (cf. 1:7), appeals to the graciousness of divine promises (cf. 1:5-9), reaffirms the covenant (cf. 1:5), and relies on confession and repentance (cf. 1:6-9).

2. The Request (2:1-6).

The time came when the king observed Nehemiah's sadness. This was a critical moment. Did this mean the dissatisfaction of a plotter? With composure, Nehemiah explained his concern in general terms (2:3). The king

asked what his servant wanted. Nehemiah breathed a rapid prayer to God (2:4) and asked that he be sent to Judah. The request was granted (2:6).

III. The Wall Rebuilt (Neh. 4:4-23). Nehemiah arrived in Jerusalem and after a secret inspection of the city's defense by night (2:13), he challenged the people to rebuild the city walls.

IV. The Covenant Renewed (8:9-12). Not only was it important to rebuild the city and make it secure against external attack, it was also important to renew the inner spiritual fiber of the people. The years of discouragement had brought their toll. Nehemiah, in collaboration with Ezra, called a solemn assembly and began the activities with the reading of the law of Moses (8:1-8). The law was read from early morning until noonday (8:3). Levites mingled with the people and explained the meaning of what was read (8:7) and translated into Aramaic, the common language of the day, if that was necessary for the understanding.

When the people realized how far they had strayed from the covenant requirements, deep sorrow set in with classic Oriental mourning (8:9). However, the purpose of the assembly was not to punish the people but to bring them to renew their allegiance to God. This was a day of rejoicing and worship (8:10-11). On the second day the celebration continued with the study of the law still central and the people discovered that it was the appointed time for the celebration of the Feast of Tabernacles (8:14). Nehemiah 9 indicates that the impact of the religious experience continued. At the conclusion of the festival the community was led into a formal renewal of the covenant. There the penitent people and their leaders pledged their loyalty to God (9:32-38).

The Lesson Applied: Nehemiah was one of the truly remarkable men of the Bible. He was a person of many talents: he possessed military, political, economic and administrative skills. Yet at the same time, he was sensitive, generous, non-pretentious, and extremely honest in the stewardship of his life and means. He was a man of prayer and integrity, whose example encourages all public servants to unselfishness in the function of their duties and responsibilities.

When man's way seems hopeless, God can bring forth his instrument to achieve his salvation. When God's people are informed, they will respond.

Life and Work Lesson Called To Be God's People

By Bobby Perry, Pastor,
First, Moss Point
1 Peter 1:13 to 2:10

A favorite pastime with many people is reading the advice columns in newspapers. One wife had a particularly vexing problem, and she wrote to a columnist: "My husband insists upon wearing wild plaid shirts and lets them hang outside of his trousers. He wears them to informal summer gatherings at our home, at the home of friends, and at the country club. He looks awful! I try to dress attractively, wearing summer cottons properly fitted and accessorized nicely. What do you think of this situation?"

The columnist replied, "Maybe you should appear ready for a party wearing a plaid shirt, blue jeans, and flats, with a scarf tied over your head! I think your husband would get the idea. Tell him you are dressed to match his outfit. By this means you may be able to get him into more appropriate attire."

This may be good advice in some situations, but it is not a recommended principle of Christian living. A Christian is not to conform to the people of the world in order to win them; rather, he is to be transformed in order to witness to them. What is expected in the life of those called to be God's people? Here is the answer!

I. Salvation's Exhibition (1 Peter 1:13-25)

After reviewing with his readers the wonderful program God has for His children, Peter does not expect the believer to recline with his arms folded, dreaming about his inheritance. There are some who are so preoccupied with the future that they are worthless in the cause of Christ. To anyone who might start to think in this manner after reading the initial verses in this chapter, the word "wherefore" ought to bring him up short. "Wherefore" has both a general and a particular meaning here. Generally, it refers to the previous section dealing with salvation. Particularly, it points to the interest of the prophets and angels about a truth which did not relate to them directly. Three specific virtues ought to be produced in the lives of Christians because of their relationship to the Lord.

I. Holiness in Life (Verses 13-16)

When a Christian is facing times of testing, there may be a temptation to modify his beliefs a little in order to lighten the trial. Don't yield to the

temptation, but "gird up the loins of your mind" is the advice of Peter. The word "gird" was used in New Testament times to describe the practice of tucking one's long garment into his belt so that it would not hinder his movement. The days Peter was writing about were serious times; they were not for believers with a flabby faith or a muddled mind.

These were days which also demanded self-control, which is the significance of the word "sober." A perfect or a complete hope was needed because of the trials which faced them. It was a hope which lacked nothing. But in the meantime, be "obedient children" (verse 14). Don't revert to the kind of life you lived before you knew the truth of God's message. That life was the antithesis of a holiness pleasing to God.

II. Reverence Toward God. (Verses 17-21)

Another characteristic of salvation in the believer's life should be a reverential fear of God. Three reasons for the Christian's reverence are specified by Peter.

First, a believer is to have this attitude because of who he is. He is a sojourner (verse 17). He knows that this life is simply an interlude. All actions should be done with eternity's values in view. Second, a believer is to have reverence because of what lies ahead (verse 17). God as judge is emphasized here. That which is done in this life is important! God will evaluate it impartially. Third, a believer is to exhibit reverence in his life because of what his life cost (verses 18, 19). No material wealth, such as silver and gold, could ever procure what Jesus Christ did by his death. If the price was this great, should not a believer stand in reverential awe of the one who gave this much for him?

III. Love For the Brethren (Verses 22-25)

Those who have been purified by obedience to the truth of God's Word have entered into a totally new relationship with a great host of people. The relationship which one believer should have toward another is expressed by the word "love." This love is not silly sentimentalism of the world; instead it is that attitude of life which seeks the very best for the one who is its recipient.

Only one group of people can fulfill this definition of love, for this kind of love finds its source in God (1 John

4:7). These are the persons who possess the seed of God. The seed of verse 23 is not the Word of God; it is the divine life implanted at the time of salvation (1 John 3:9). The instrumentality through which it is implanted is the Word of God. The word "by" is more accurately translated "through." Can the Word of God accomplish such a task? Most assuredly, because of its living and abiding character (verse 23). In addition, it is an eternal Word in comparison to the brevity of man's life and glory (verse 24, 25). These believers were aware of the brevity of life because of the persecution facing them.

The first exhibition of salvation, holiness, refers to our relationship to ourselves. The second, reverence, is a Godward characteristic. The third, love, refers to our relationship to other Christians. One who diligently practices this kind of life will be a well-balanced Christian.

IV. Salvation's Expectation (1 Peter 2:1-10)

After indicating to the believers that which ought to be exhibited in their lives, Peter shares with them the way by which they can grow to maturity in the faith.

1. The Possibility of Progress

The majority of Peter's readers were evidently young Christians. They needed to know how they could make progress in the Christian life. Such information, however, may also be of help to those who have been Christians for a number of years but who have never developed in their experience. On the basis of their new birth (1:23), these new believers are to put away permanently things which formerly characterized their lives (verse 1).

On the positive side, the only way to progress in the Christian life is to partake of nourishing food. As a baby expresses its desire for food at feeding time, so a believer ought to desire just as fervently to feed upon God's word (verse 2).

2. The Place of Privilege (verse 4-10)

A believer cannot exist by himself. He needs the fellowship of others in the family. As a Christian, he is part of the spiritual house which is the body of Christ. By virtue of his position in Christ, he is also a priest. The New Testament knows no elite priestly class which stands as a mediator between God and man. Every believer is a priest and so has direct access through Jesus Christ to the Father.